

Exploring of Around Lehi and Utah Lake
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Sometime in December (1847) having finished sowing wheat and rye, I started in company with a brother Higbee and others for Utah Lake with a boat and fish net. We traveled some thirty miles with our boat, etc, on an ox wagon, while some of us rode on horseback. This distance brought us to the foot of Utah Lake, a beautiful sheet of fresh water, some thirty six miles long by fifteen broad.

Here we launched our boat and tried our net, having probably the first boat and net ever used on the sheet of water in modern times. We sailed up and down the lake where on its western side for many miles, but had only poor success in fishing. We however caught a few samples of mountain trout and other fish.

After exploring the lake and valley for a day or two the company returned home, and a brother Summers and myself struck westward from the foot of the lake on horseback, on an exploring tour.

On this tour we discovered and partly explored Cedar Valley and there crossed over the west mountain range and discovered a valley beyond, passing through which we crossed a range of hills northward, and entered Tooele Valley.

Passing still northward, we camped one night, and the next day we came to the southern extreme in Salt Lake City- having devoted nearly one week to our fishing, hunting, and exploring expedition.

During all this time we had fine weather and warm days but the night we arrived home was a cold one, with a severe snow storm. And thus passed the year of 1847.